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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Mark Gorman

**STERLING HEIGHTS RETURN PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY TO PREPARING FALSE
RETURNS**

Mark Gorman, 55, of Sterling Heights, Michigan, pleaded guilty on July 6, 2006, to an information charging him with preparing false tax returns, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Maurice Aouate, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

Gorman entered the guilty plea in United States District Court before Judge Marianne O. Battani. According to the court records, in 2002, Gorman was in the business of preparing tax returns out of his home in Sterling Heights. During that year, he prepared 33 amended returns for taxpayers, which he knowingly and willfully included false deductions. The false charitable contributions, unreimbursed employee expenses, and business mileage placed on these returns caused the IRS to issue over \$103,000 in fraudulent refunds to these taxpayers.

"This plea represents this office's strong stance against tax fraud. Our office will continue to prosecute and enforce the tax laws. We will take all appropriate action against those who willfully prepare false tax returns," United States Attorney Murphy said.

"Abusive return preparers try and convince taxpayers that they have developed the necessary knowledge and skills to deceive the Internal Revenue Service, which is usually far from the truth," said Aouate. "It is the responsibility of every taxpayer to file correct and accurate federal tax returns, no matter who prepares them."

United States Attorney Murphy thanked the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation for their investigation of the case. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Cathleen M. Corken.